



## The Delta Plan Interagency Implementation Committee

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The Committee serves as a forum to discuss, consider, and orchestrate the timely and orderly implementation of actions identified in the Delta Plan and Delta Science Plan. The Delta Plan is the long-term management plan for achieving the coequal goals in the Delta.

The Committee strives to facilitate maximize government efficiency, provide leadership and accountability, and highlight where agency alignment will have the greatest positive impact. Meetings are generally held twice per year, in the Spring and Fall and focus on:

### **PRIORITY-FOCUSED DISCUSSIONS**

The Committee identifies and provides focus on high priority areas for policy discussions of specific Delta challenges in water and ecosystem management, agency coordination, and effective multi-plan implementation.

### **LEADERSHIP**

The Committee coordinates interagency involvement with planning, programs, policy, and regulation development as it relates to implementation of the Delta Plan and Delta-related portions of the California Water Action Plan.

### **ACHIEVEMENT OF COEQUAL GOALS**

Committee members will inform and direct staff and management within their agencies as necessary to facilitate collaboration and integration and expedite progress.

### **ACCOUNTABILITY**

Accountability and progress reporting on major initiatives is maintained through progress reports to the Committee covering varied aspects of multi-plan implementation and agency involvement in the Delta.



## **THE DELTA PLAN**

The Delta Plan is a comprehensive, long-term management plan for the Delta. Required by the 2009 Delta Reform Act, it creates legally-enforceable regulations and recommendations to further the state's coequal goals for the Delta: providing a more reliable water supply for California, and protecting and restoring a more healthy Delta ecosystem, all in a manner that preserves, protects, and enhances the unique agricultural, cultural, and recreational characteristics of the Delta.



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## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Established the interagency Delta Agency Science Workgroup (DASW)
- DASW provided guidance in development and endorsement of the High-Impact Science Actions (HISA) – a short list of high-impact, multi-benefit science actions for near-term implementation in 2015-2016 reflecting a cross-agency understanding of priority science needs in the Delta
- HISA topics have been used by several agencies to help refine proposal solicitation processes and coordinate funding priorities, including committed funding from Proposition 1 and SeaGrant
- The Science Enterprise Workshop, hosted by the Council and the U.S. Geological Survey, featured science leaders and science policy experts from the Florida Everglades, Chesapeake Bay, Great Lakes, Coastal Louisiana, Puget Sound, and the California Bay-Delta
- The Proceedings Report for the Science Enterprise Workshop, now available online, includes an overview of each system, presentations, and panel discussions on communication, funding, governance, and management



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**"We have needed this for so long. This is key, and yes we want to be the next step down the road and we're not going to get there unless we keep pushing hard. ...it's too much for our folks, but we have to do it."** - Letty Belin, Special Counsel to the deputy Director, U.S. Department of the Interior

**"We are seeing collaboration in all of our agencies but we have a lot to do. We have to find the sweet spot...we have a heavy lift. Science offers the greatest areas where we can focus."** - Felicia Marcus, Chair, State Water Resources Control Board

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